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STORAGE AREA NETWORKS OVER ON  
EXISTING LAN, MAN, OR WAN

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**AMENDMENT A**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 02/04/2005, Applicant hereby petitions for a 3 months extension of time. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Drawings** begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**An Appendix** including the drawing replacement sheet for Figs. 1A and 1B is included following page 9 of this paper.

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